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IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXEMPLARY WORK OF DR. KATHY HUDSON

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the exemplary work of Dr. Kathy Hudson, who is leaving after 10 years of service at the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health which is located in my district.

For the past seven years Dr. Hudson has served with distinction as the Director of the Office of Policy, Planning and Communications and the Assistant Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). While at the NHGRI, Dr. Hudson has provided focus and leadership in numerous areas, she has played a particularly important leadership role in public policy and public affairs issues relating to NHGRI programs including the Human Genome Project, the international effort to decipher the human genetic code and apply the results to improving human health.

Dr. Hudson has directed efforts to identify barriers such as genetic discrimination that could impede the fair and equitable application of genetic information to public health and has led development of policies to protect privacy and prevent genetic discrimination. In this regard, she was instrumental in the development of an Executive Order signed in February 2000 that banned discrimination in Federal employment based on genetic information. She has also provided exceptional technical advice to my staff and many others in drafting legislation on genetic nondiscrimination. I understand that one of Kathy's major regrets in leaving the NHGRI is not having seen the passage and signing of genetic nondiscrimination legislation. I look forward to seeing that milestone reached soon and hope to invite her back to the celebration.

Before joining the NHGRI, Dr. Hudson was senior policy analyst in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services. She advised the assistant secretary on national health and science policy issues involving the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Prior to that, Dr. Hudson worked in the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment as a congressional science fellow. Through her contributions to social policy and to the nation's health, Dr. Hudson's work has exemplified the best of government service, and the difference in our nation's well being that a dedicated scientist can make.

I wish Dr. Hudson all the best in her new venture as the Director of the Genetics and Public Policy Center at the Johns Hopkins University, and on behalf of the Congress and the country, I thank her for her outstanding government service.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO MOVIE GALLERY FOR THEIR ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF AMERICA'S TROOPS

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a company headquartered in my Congressional District which has answered the call to assist America's war on terrorism in an exemplary manner.

The Movie Gallery, based in Dothan, Alabama, was recently asked by the Civil Air Patrol to participate in Films for Troops. This endeavor is designed to bring a piece of home to our men and women in uniform stationed on the front lines thousands of miles from our shores.

When approached to help, The Movie Gallery rose to the challenge by collecting over 800 videos and DVDs of current top movies from America's major motion picture studios. These movies, in turn, will be packed and shipped to our troops in Afghanistan.

I am proud to endorse the Movie Gallery's efforts to bring the sights and voices of home to our sons and daughters and mothers and fathers on the battle lines of freedom.

We are one nation in this fight to preserve our liberty. The Movie Gallery deserves our gratitude for bringing all of us—near and far—a little closer together during these difficult days.

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER DAVIS

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues in Congress the news that Mrs. Hester Rachel Wallis Davis celebrated her 106th birthday on this past Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002.

Mrs. Davis, a resident of Missouri's First Congressional District, was born in Tennessee

in the year 1896. She moved to St. Louis at the age of 16. Six years ago, on her 100th birthday, Willard Scott recognized her on the NBC Today Show and she was honored by the Mayor of St. Louis, Freeman Bosley, Jr. Later that same year, Mrs. Davis suffered an illness that required two brain surgeries. She recovered and continues to be alert and keeping up with current events.

Mrs. Davis is the oldest and most cherished living member of the Temple Church of Christ in St. Louis. And although her eyesight is failing and she can no longer read the Bible, she has a prodigious memory which supports her interpretations and pronouncements. "Mother Davis" as she is known by those who share her life, enjoys company and always has words of encouragement and prayers for her visitors. I am told that Hester Davis remembers the joys and challenges of youth and is always empathetic and supportive of the younger generations. The staff of the B-J-C Medical Center have expressed astonishment at Mrs. Davis' youthful appearance, her lack of some of the ailments attributed to aging, her pleasant attitude and her communication skills.

Mrs. Davis has had to curtail some activities in recent years, she is no longer able to visit the jail where she brought encouragement to the incarcerated. Today, she counts her doctors, lawyers, pastor and friends among her family. She is a genuine inspiration to all who have come to know her and she will be forever remembered as one of the most adored and beloved members of the St. Louis community.

I salute Mrs. Hester Rachel Wallis Davis for her outstanding commitment to life. She is certainly a remarkable woman of strength, determination and spirit who is an inspiration to many generations.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LEGISLATIVE AUTONOMY ACT OF 2002

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Legislative Autonomy Act of 2002, to eliminate the congressional review period of 30 days and 60 days respectively, for civil and criminal acts passed by the D.C. City Council. This bill is the fraternal twin of H.R. 2995, the District of Columbia Fiscal Integrity Act of 2001, which would allow the District's budget to become law upon enactment by the District government. Under the current system, all acts of the Council are subjected to this Congressional layover period, and the District's budget cannot become law without congressional approval. Experience demonstrates that these are unnecessary and undemocratic requirements that add nothing except an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy to an already overburdened city government and to Congress and its processes.

Since the adoption of the Home Rule Act in 1973, over 2000 acts have been passed by the council and signed into law by the Mayor. Only 43 acts have been challenged by a congressional disapproval resolution. Only three of those resolutions ever passed the Congress and two involved a distinct federal interest.